

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
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Notice MIDAS-22

For: State and County Offices

GIS Data Remediation to Correct CLU's With a "Zero" or "Null" Attribute

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

GIS data remediation is an ongoing effort to have accurate, reliable data for the success of continuing integration efforts and to prepare for implementing the 2014 Farm Bill. Accurate data is necessary to successfully record acreage and inventory reports, and administer programs authorized under the 2014 Farm Bill.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices of:

- reports of CLU's with farm, tract, and/or CLU numbers of "Zero" or "Null", as follows:
 - associated with a farm in "Active", "In-Creation", or "Pending" status in MIDAS
 - **not** associated with a farm in MIDAS Farm Records
- instructions for identifying CLU's with "Zero" or "Null" farm, tract, and/or CLU numbers in Citrix that need the following:
 - to have attributes updated
 - to be deleted
- a deadline of **September 19, 2014**, to remediate CLU's with "Zero" or "Null" farm, tract, and/or CLU numbers. After September 19, 2014, all remaining CLU's with "Zero" or "Null" farm, tract, and/or CLU numbers will be **deleted**.

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2 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- using the GIS Data Remediation Tool, update the attributes of CLU's and delete CLU's as requested by County Offices
- ensure that County Offices are notified of the contents of this notice
- ensure that County Offices complete GIS data remediation according to this notice
- direct questions to any of the following:
 - Dan Culli by e-mail to **daniel.culli@wdc.usda.gov**
 - Fritz Matetzschk by e-mail to **fritz.matetzschk@tx.usda.gov**
 - Steve Stark by e-mail to **steve.stark@usda.gov**.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- use the link in subparagraph C to access the **Zero or Null Attribute Report**
- using Citrix and MIDAS Farm Records, review CLU's with "Zero" or "Null" farm, tract, and/or CLU numbers
- take corrective action based on paragraph 3
- contact the GIS State specialist or applicable State specialist, as needed, for assistance with this notice.

C Accessing the Zero or Null Attribute Report

To access the Zero or Null Attribute Report, go to the Common Provision Branch web site at **<http://fsaintranet.sc.egov.usda.gov/ffas/farmbill/ccc/>**. Under "Farm Records", CLICK "**Zero or Null Attribute Report**".

Users should filter both tabs of the Zero or Null Attribute Report by applicable State and county code.

3 Determining Corrective Action

A CLU's on Farms in "Active" or "In-Creation" Status

Using MIDAS Farm Records, review CLU's on the "MIDAS Farms" tab of the Zero or Null Attribute Report to determine whether they represent land that should be included in MIDAS Farm Records.

For valid CLU's with a "Zero" or "Null" CLU number, users should use the "Edit CLU Attributes" tool to assign a valid CLU number to CLU from the list of available CLU numbers in the drop-down list, as follows:

- determine whether there is a correct, existing CLU (field) number by reviewing existing records, such as farm records, contracts, acreage reports, etc.
- use the GIS "Edit CLU Attributes" tool within MIDAS Farm Records to correct the CLU number
- assign the next available CLU number, if there is **no** existing CLU number.

For invalid CLU's with a "Zero" or "Null" field number, users should contact the State GIS specialist for assistance in deleting the invalid CLU.

B CLU's on Farms in "Pending" Status

There are no CLU's on the Zero or Null Attribute Report associated with pending status farms. However, if a farm on the "MIDAS Farms" tab of the report is reconstituted, a zero or null CLU could become associated with a pending status farm.

Using MIDAS Farm Records, review the CLU's on the Zero or Null Attribute Report to determine whether they represent land that should be included in MIDAS Farm Records.

For valid CLU's with a "Zero" or "Null" CLU number, users should:

- determine whether there is a correct, existing CLU number by reviewing existing records, such as farm records, contracts, acreage reports, etc.
- contact the State GIS specialist for assistance in renumbering CLU.

For invalid CLU's with a "Zero" or "Null" field number, users should contact the State GIS specialist for assistance in deleting the invalid CLU.

3 Determining Corrective Action (Continued)

C CLU's Not Associated With Farms in "Active", "In-Creation", or "Pending" Status

Note: All CLU's with farm or tract number attributes of "Zero" or "Null" will be included in this category because MIDAS Farm Records does **not** allow "Zero" or "Null" farm or tract numbers.

Using Citrix, review CLU's on the "Citrix Only" tab of the Zero or Null Attribute Report to determine whether they represent land that should be included in MIDAS Farm Records.

For valid CLU's with a "Zero" or "Null" farm, tract, and/or CLU number, users should contact the State GIS specialist for assistance in changing the farm, tract, and/or CLU number attributes to match a valid farm in MIDAS Farm Records.

Note: In some cases a new MIDAS Farm Record may need to be created with 1 or more empty tracts to obtain valid farm and tract number attributes for CLU's.

For invalid CLU's with a "Zero" or "Null" farm, tract, and/or CLU number, the user should contact the State GIS specialist for assistance in deleting the invalid CLU.